

Federal Utility Partnership Working Group

The goal of the Federal Utility Partnership Working Group, initiated in the spring of 1994, is to establish partnerships and facilitate communications between Federal agencies and utilities in order to develop strategies to facilitate the implementation of cost-effective energy efficiency and water conservation projects. The common interest of group participants is to reduce the cost of government through implementation of utility incentive programs at Federal sites.

Specifically, the objectives of the Working Group are to:

- Enhance existing or foster new partnerships between Federal agencies and their servicing utilities to identify, develop, and implement all cost-effective energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable projects at Federal sites;
- Identify how utilities can work with Federal agencies and specific sites so the mandated energy savings goals set forth in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and Executive Order 12902 can be achieved;
- Stimulate and expand the communication infrastructure between Federal agencies, specific sites, and utilities regarding all aspects of energy management at Federal sites; and
- Prepare agencies for upcoming changes in the electric utility industry and provide information regarding recent technological

developments in the areas of energy efficiency and water and waste water conservation.

The Working Group meets three times a year to exchange information on recent utility incentive program success stories, current FEMP programs and products, individual agency energy management programs, and reports from the various Working Group subcommittees. A Steering Committee, comprised of both utility and agency members of the Working Group, establishes the agenda and determines the location for upcoming meetings. Presently, the Working Group is addressing issues related to Procurement and Partnerships, including demand side and supply side opportunities, Water and Waste Water Conservation, and Greening/Renewable Energy/Climate Change.

Federal Utility Partnership Working Group Meetings

Information regarding upcoming meetings can be obtained from either the FEMP Web site (<http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp>) or the *FEMP Focus*. A free subscription to the *FEMP Focus* can be obtained through the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Clearinghouse by calling 1-800-363-3732. A copy of both the current and previous version editions of the *FEMP Focus* are also available on the FEMP Web site.

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